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I-696/FRANKLIN ROAD INTERCHANGE INCLUDED ON GOVERNOR'S LIST OF APPROVED PROJECTS

(LANSING)—State Senator Gilda Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods) announced today that Governor Granholm has recommended that work resume on the project to modify the I-696/US-24/M-10 interchange in Southfield. This project is one of the 34 that were paused as part of the Preserve First Initiative.

“I’m very pleased that the Governor included this important project in her recommendations,” said Jacobs. “The modification of this interchange should allow for much greater access and help to eliminate some of the heavy traffic congestion in this area.”

This project, which is one of 17 recommended by Governor Granholm for resumption, will modify the existing interchange at I-696/US-24/M-10 and add two ramps (an east bound off-ramp to Franklin Road and a west bound on-ramp from Northwestern Highway) to improve access to the area. Construction could begin in late 2004, pending successful resolution of local design and right-of-way issues.

“I applaud the Governor for her leadership on this issue,” said Jacobs. “These types of creative solutions are necessary during challenging economic times. Her plan addresses the most pressing expansion projects, such as the I-696/Franklin Road interchange, while still remaining committed to preserving our existing roads.”

State Senator Gilda Jacobs represents the 14th Senate District, which includes Farmington, Farmington Hills, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak Township, and Southfield. She is the Minority Vice Chair of the Families & Human Services Committee and the Economic Development, Small Business & Regulatory Reform Committee. She also serves on the Government Operations and Health Policy Committees.

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